

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3298**
Masanori WADA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0184A
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OPTICAL RECEPTACLE : **Mail Stop: AF**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 18, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended by two months to August 18, 2008, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4 and 6 as being unpatentable over Zheng, US Pat. No. 6,246,813 in view of Morooka et al. (Morooka), JP 2003-222764). Claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9-20 were rejected in further view of Saito et al., JP 2003/149502. Claim 8 was rejected in further view of Nakamura. However, the references that have been cited by the Examiner do not properly disclose or provide any reason for their combination in a manner so as to result in the present invention.

The Present Invention

As was discussed in the prior response, an object of the present invention is to provide an optical receptacle capable of maintaining high precision and reliability while having a small size with a small number of components and requiring a low production cost. In the optical receptacle according to the invention, a precision sleeve 12 or 22, for example, has a stub 14, for